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Dear Francis---

Well, welcome to you and Betty back to the states. You must have incredible energy to take on this Genetics Congress chore so soon, when you must have a mountainous backlog on your desk. You must know that the concept of bigger and better meetings doesn't generate a burning passion in my breast, but these policy matters ~~xxx~~ evolve in a different forum, and I'll be glad to cooperate if I can. The market in Wisconsin is not too good, but Brink may have some good ideas-- he has already suggested an enquiry to WARF. How did State universities and experiment stations manage their earlier "bequests"-- were they "contributions" to the fund, or did they arrange for a specific passage in coordination with the Committee?

We hope we will see you before too long-- but can't say just when we'll be in N.Y. again. I've cut down drastically on my travelling commitments-- just too busy here. However there is a fair chance we (sic-plural hopefully) will be going to a Ciba mtg. in March, very likely through NY, so perhaps then.

The PNAS that came out today says something of what I've been interested in lately, above the accumulated traditions. Since then, the protoplasts have been turning into L-forms, but they're not doing anything genetically interesting.

It is rather optimistic of me to send this pile of stuff now, but here it is anyhow.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg